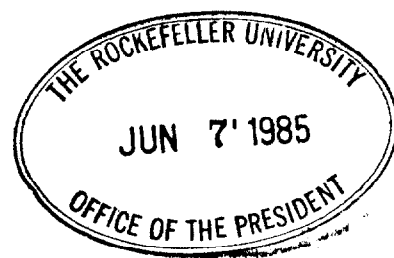


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Dear Dr. Lederberg -

I was sorry to hear that the shrimp in your "EcoSphere" expired. While I was recently back in the states for a brief stay, I made inquiries and found that a suspected pathogen had found its way into one production run, and that the shrimp in a number of spheres died in a similar period. I have forwarded your note to Loren Acker, president of the firm that produces the spheres, and asked him to send a replacement under warranty. He will be advising you if he requires the original sphere returned for analysis. I hope that we do better with the next one.

I enclose, as an information update, a brief project summary and a press clip on the Biosphere Project. I shall endeavor to keep you advised of our progress as we go along.

Very best regards,

E. P. Bass